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**Written Testimony  
to the  
Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee**

**Sharon M. Palmer, President  
AFT Connecticut, AFL-CIO  
January 20, 2011**

**Re: Nomination of Donald D. DeFronzo to be Commissioner of  
Administrative Services**

On behalf of the 28,000-plus members of AFT Connecticut I write in support of the nomination of Senator Donald DeFronzo to be Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services.

Senator DeFronzo has proven himself a dedicated leader. He has been an effective senator; responsive to the needs of his constituents, yet thorough in his approach to problem solving, requiring all the facts and details in order to achieve the best results for all concerned. His service to the citizens in the City of New Britain as its mayor required striking a proper balance between the needs and wants of residents and the fiscal reality of what the City could actually afford. His capacity for consensus building and achieving out-of-the-box solutions to common problems involving all stakeholders confirm he is a leader with great vision.

We believe Governor Malloy has chosen well and wisely in this nomination to make Senator DeFronzo a part of the Malloy administration. We are confident that Senator DeFronzo's work ethic and dedication and experience as a public servant will serve him well in the role of DAS Commissioner. I fully support, and urge the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee to act quickly and favorably on, the nomination of Donald DeFronzo to Commissioner of DAS.

Thank you.

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